

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A polypropylene blend including from 0.3 to 50% by weight of a syndiotactic polypropylene having a multimodal molecular weight distribution and at least 50% by weight of an isotactic polypropylene.
2. (Original) A blend according to claim 1 wherein the multimodal sPP concentration in the sPP/iPP blend is from 0.5 to 15 wt%.
3. (Original) A blend according to claim 2 wherein the multimodal sPP concentration in the sPP/iPP blend is from 1 to 10 wt%.
4. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 3 wherein the iPP is a homopolymer, copolymer or terpolymer of isotactic polypropylene.
5. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 1 wherein the iPP has a dispersion index (D) of from 3.5 to 9, ~~preferably 3.5 to 6.5~~.
6. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 1 wherein the iPP has a melting temperature in the range of from 159 to 169° C.
7. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim ~~4 to 6~~ wherein the iPP has an Mn of from 35,000 to 60,000 kDa.
8. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 7 wherein the iPP has a melt flow index (MFI) of from 1 to 90 g/10 mins.
9. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 6 wherein the multimodal sPP is a homopolymer or a random or block copolymer or a terpolymer.

10. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 6 wherein the multimodal sPP has a melting temperature of up to about 130° C.

11. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 10 wherein the multimodal sPP has an MFI of from 0.1 to 100 g/10 min.

12. (Original) A blend according to claim 11 wherein the multimodal sPP has an MFI of from 1 to 60 g/10 min.

13. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 1 wherein the multimodal sPP has an Mn of from 35,000 to 40,000 kDa.

14. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 1 wherein the multimodal sPP has a dispersion index (D) of from 3 to 6.

15. (Amended) A blend according to ~~any foregoing~~ claim 1 wherein the multimodal sPP is bimodal.

16. (Amended) A spun polypropylene ~~fibre~~ fiber produced from the polypropylene blend of ~~any foregoing~~ claim 1.

17. (Amended) A fabric produced from the polypropylene ~~fibre~~ fiber according to claim 16.

18. (Original) A product including a fabric according to claim 17, the product being selected from a filter, personal wipe, diaper, feminine hygiene product, incontinence product, wound dressing, bandage, surgical gown, surgical drape and protective cover.

19. (Amended) ~~Use, for increasing the maximum~~ A process for producing polypropylene fibers at an enhanced spinning speed when producing spun polypropylene fibres fibers by spinning a polypropylene blend, of from 0.3 to 50 wt% multimodal syndiotactic polypropylene in a blend with at least 50 wt% of an isotactic polypropylene.

20. (New) A blend according to claim 1 wherein the iPP has a dispersion index (D) of from 3.5 to 6.5.

21. (New) A blend according to claim 20 wherein the multimodal sPP concentration in the sPP/iPP blend is from 1 to 10 wt%.